Demand for creation of separate Vidarbha State

1698. SHRI SUSHIL CHAND MOHUNTA:
SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers while speaking at a meeting in Nagpur on the 5th July, 1983 had demanded the creation of separate Vidarbha State out of present Maharashtra;

(b) if so, what are the details of the demand made by the Union Minister; and

(c) whether the Central Government have accepted the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI RAM DULARI SINHA): (a) and (b) While speaking at a meeting in Nagpur on 5th July, 1984 the Union Minister of Chemicals and Fertilizers had stated that if steps are not taken to ensure balanced development by implementing the provisions of article 371 of the Constitution, Vidarbha will have no alternative but to revive its case for statehood.

(c) No request has been received from the Government of Maharashtra for establishment of a development board for Vidarbha in terms of the said constitutional provision.

Punjab situation after army operations

1699. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI K. MOHANAN:
SHRI HUSEN DALWAI:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of persons killed by the extremists in Punjab prior to army's intervention since 1981;

(b) whether the law and order situation in Punjab has improved after the operations undertaken by the army; and

(c) by what time the army is likely to be withdrawn from the Golden Temple complex?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. VENKATASUBBAIAH): (a) 456 persons were killed in violent incidents in Punjab during the period 1-8-1981 to 3-6-1984.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No firm date can be given at this stage.

Foreign diplomats involved in unlawful activities

1700. SHRI RAMANAND YADAV:
SHRIMATI AMARJIT KAUR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some foreign diplomats in India have been found to be engaged in unlawful activities;

(b) if so, what is the number of cases that have come to light during the last three years and the names of the countries to which these diplomats belong; and

(c) whether Government propose to amend the diplomatic immunity laws in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) From time to time instances have come to Government's notice of infringement of our regulations by diplomats accredited to India. In all such cases suitable action has been taken, within the framework of the Vienna Convention on Diplomatic Relations (1961) and